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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know if the whole sum of Rs. 10,000 has been utilized, and if it has not been, whether the unutilized portion will be re-allotted next year ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I cannot say whether it has been spent or not ; it is a matter which the Collector will be aware of. If it has not been spent, the hon. Member may rest assured that we shall provide for the money required in the next year."

Motor Vehicles Act

Appointment of full time Bus Inspectors in Madras and some other districts.

* 1837 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) why appointments of full-time Bus Inspectors in the City of Madras and in the districts of Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Guntur, Bellary and South Arcot have not yet been made ;

(*b*) whether the fees realized from the bus owners on account of half-yearly inspection in the above districts will be sufficient to meet the expenditure caused by the appointment of Motor Bus Inspectors ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that in the districts of South Kanara and Tanjore where the number of buses are respectively reported to be 130 and 131 the Motor Bus Inspectors have already been appointed ; and

(*d*) what the principle is on which such appointments are made ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In the districts of Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Guntur, Bellary and South Arcot, the fees collected do not justify the appointment of a full-time inspector.

In the case of the City of Madras, the Government have decided in view of the special conditions under which traffic is concentrated in the City to leave the duty of inspection of buses in the hands of the Commissioner of Police for the present.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It is the policy of Government to appoint whole-time inspectors who are fully qualified engineers wherever the fees received justify the payment of a sufficient salary.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), may I know whether the Police are doing their duty in this matter satisfactorily ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know how much of the fees collected fall short of the amount needed for the appointment of bus inspectors in those districts ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I cannot give the information off hand. I should like to have notice."

The Raja of Ramnad :—" May I know whether the fees collected in Madras is appropriated by the Commissioner of Police or credited to the provincial funds ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I think it is credited to Government, and the Commissioner gets an honorarium for his work."

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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know what percentage of the fees ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I think he gets about Rs. 500 per month."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" Sir, arising out of the second part of the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), will the Government be good enough to appoint a special controlling officer of bus traffic in the city in view of the special conditions referred to therein ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The question of controlling the motor traffic further is under the consideration of Government."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know what the collections are per month ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Notice."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is said that the fees collected do not justify the appointment of a full-time inspector. May I know whether by justification is meant that the collection should be such as to meet the whole of his pay ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I suppose so."

Police

Appointment of Adi-Dravidas of Malabar in the Police department.

*1838 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no Adi-Dravida from Malabar has been given any post under the Police department ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Malabar have requested the Commissioner of Labour to appoint some of them as Police constables and if so what the Government have done in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information ; they have called for it.
(*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. V. I. Mumiswami Pillai :—" With reference to clause (*b*) will the Government be pleased to call for the information and supply it to the Members of this House ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I shall call for the information."

Forests

Stock of agricultural implements in depots in Kurnool.

*1839 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the stocks of the following agricultural implements were on the 31st of December 1927 in every one of the depots the Government has